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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Esteban Yepez, III et al.

Application No.: 10/082,483

Art Unit: 2661

Filed: February 25, 2002

Examiner: S. Blount

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DE-  
PRIORITIZATION OF BYPASS PACKETS IN  
A PACKET BASED COMMUNICATION  
SYSTEM

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. Also, please find enclosed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the appropriate fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.